

NEW ORLEANS SIXTH RACE. M. ROYAL NETTIE FIRST. AND. 1. PLUG SECOND PLACE. EQUINOX THIRD TIME.

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## FAC-SIMILE OF THE BOGUS TAPE DISPATCH WHICH COST BOOKMAKERS THOUSANDS.

Above is an exact reproduction of the "wire-tappers'" fictitious message, which was read from the "tickers" connected with the Western Union wires in all the big cities of the country on Saturday afternoon, and cost the pool-rooms and bookmakers many thousands of dollars, as it is customary to pay all bets not wagered on a race track at the prices quoted by the ticker returns, immediately after each race.

## BIGGEST SWINDLE IN THE TURF'S HISTORY.

No Clue Discovered to the Men Who Tapped the New Orleans Wires.

Royal Nettie Was Backed at Heavy Odds in Pool Rooms All Over the Country.

## LOCAL BOOKMAKERS WERE HIT HARD.

Western Union Telegraph Company, Over Whose Wires the Report Was Sent, Investigating — Operators Say They Are Not to Blame.

The authorship of the most extensive pool room swindle that has been perpetrated in the history of American racing is as far from a solution to-day as when on Saturday the wires carried the false information from New Orleans to every city in the country that Royal Nettie had won the last race there at long odds.

There was hardly a pool room or bookmaker in the United States who did not accept the message, which came ostensibly direct from the Crescent City race track, as authentic, and proceed to pay all recorded wagers, at odds varying from 15 to 12 to 1 and 5 to 2 at the opening, to 3 to 1 at the post, without the merest question of a suspicion.

As a result the great fraternity of race gamblers are now meditating over the clever coup of the conspirators, who with accomplices located in every big city, swamped them with money, and in their own vernacular, "burnt 'em up."

In this city, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Long Island City, Biloxville, Weehawken, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, and, in fact, every city in the South and West, with the single exception of Cincinnati, the conspiracy worked like a charm, and thousands of dollars were transferred from the bookmakers' coffers to the pockets of the confidence contingent.

## NO EXPLANATION GIVEN.

Although an investigation was at once begun on the New Orleans end of the line, where the disclosure of the plot is still without any explanation from there. The managers of the Western Union office there have had the matter under investigation, but decline to give out any developments other than the statement made by Manager West, who says the error must have been made by his operator at the race track.

He holds that it is an impossibility to tap the duplex wires used in the race service between the race track and the city, and from there to the New York office, where it was distributed, and, moreover, no leak has been found between the track and the city office there.

Operator James Conway, who has charge of the service at the New Orleans race track, according to advices received last night, declares positively that he had sent out the official result in accordance with the numbers hung up, and that if any other report found its way into the pool rooms the news must certainly have been relayed after it left the track.

Conway also holds a different opinion from Manager West as to the possibility of tapping the duplex wire, and declares that it is quite possible to do so. He further stated that the wire was on hand been working badly all day Saturday.

Conway is assisted by an operator named McGuire, who is also undergoing a cross-examination by the Western Union officials.

The New Orleans pool rooms, dispatches state, were not affected, as they do not book on the local events, merely handling money on the California races.

Reports from Texas and the West alone bring news of losses aggregating about \$20,000.

## HOW THE GAME WORKED HERE.

The play on Royal Nettie in this city began early Saturday, and many long commissions were placed with the hand bookmakers of this city, Brooklyn and the vicinity of the metropolis.

It was noticeable that the men who had the "good thing" were strangers, and somewhat seedy of attire.

A number of these strange players placed their money with the "bookies" downtown, and yet a few others were heard from in Brooklyn and Williamsburg. One of them induced a former partner of "Bismarck" Korn to accept \$500 at 8 to 1. Another tried unsuccessfully to book with Peter De Lacy's former employees for a like amount. He failed because he could not get better than even money, and then only for a small sum.

It lacked a few minutes of 4:30 o'clock when the tickers in Greater New York gave the race to Royal Nettie. The strangers, it appears, were promptly on hand, and the "bookies" paid without comment.

Less than an hour later a well known bookmaker up town received a hint that something was wrong, and telegraphing to Louisville, he received this reply:

Wire tappers at work. Plug wins race. Bookmakers here caught heavily.

It was not long before the bookmakers all over town learned that they had been swindled, and a still hunt was made for some of the strangers. Not one of them was to be found, however. In resorts frequented by sporting men, the matter was almost the sole topic of discussion yesterday.

Giving to the legal barriers which surround bookmaking heretofore, the "bookies" are naturally loath to speak for publication, but they made an attempt to conceal their chagrin.

The local officials of the Western Union Company, over whose wires the false reports came, yesterday professed absolute ignorance of the entire matter. The Racing Bureau, which handles and disseminates all race reports, was closed. Chief Operator E. C. Howell maintained the utmost reticence when questioned about the matter.

## UPTOWN "BOOKIES" ESCAPED.

The agents of the conspirators were not very successful in their efforts to place commissions with the "uptown" pool rooms. There are several hundred books being

made on the New Orleans race in the vicinity of Broadway and Twenty-eighth street, and early Saturday afternoon one of the largest handlers of money on the New Orleans and St. Louis races was introduced by a patron of the pool room to a tall, slightly-built young man, whom he stated was a beginner at the art of picking winners.

The stranger, who wore clothes of unmistakably Western cut, said that his name was Bolger. The bookmaker's friend assured him he could accept his new acquaintance's commissions. They discussed racing generally, and after looking over a card Bolger decided to play Nicolai, and handed the bookmaker \$20. After a short wait the ticker announced that Nicolai had finished third and Bolger left. He returned half an hour later, and calling the bookmaker aside, asked:

"How much will you take on Royal Nettie straight?"

"How much do you want to bet?" queried the bookie.

"Well, I'll bet you \$200," replied Bolger, "and I won't take any sum like that, but you can lay me \$50 and limit the odds to 10 to 1."

The wager was registered, and as soon as the ticker recorded Royal Nettie first Bolger went to the bookmaker and received \$450.

Over at Weehawken in the big pool-room there was a steady play on Royal Nettie from the opening to the closing of the betting on the race, but the money went on, however, to force the price down from 10 to 6 to 1 at post time, and the room lost nearly \$600 on the race.

In Long Island City there was very little play on Royal Nettie, although in the pool-room controlled by a well-known saloon keeper and sporting man, one bet of \$20 at odds of 6 to 1 was accepted.

## CHICAGOANS LOST HEAVILY.

Bookmakers Paid Out Large Sums on the Royal Nettie Swindle.

Chicago, March 15.—The proprietors of the various pool rooms in Chicago, which have been running under cover, and the makers of hand books, took all bets offered of from 10 to 1 to 3 to 1 on Royal Nettie, who "also ran," at New Orleans yesterday, are chafing over their losses, caused by the false report that the race had won. The losses will aggregate not less than \$20,000. To accentuate their chagrin is the publication of the fact that they are running pool rooms contrary to local law, and, as the police will keep watch on them, the gamblers will have to close business temporarily, thus preventing them from recouping their losses.

The hardest hit pool room here was that of Powers & O'Brien, who are said to have paid out \$7,000. Harry Perry's syndicate lost between \$3,000 and \$4,000, one unknown cashing in two tickets calling for \$1,000 each. James O'Leary, McWhorter, the Social saloon, and two rooms in Calhoun place lost minor amounts, and, in fact, about every place in town where pools are sold is loser to the combination. "The men who purchased the tickets on Royal Nettie are unknown, and in every instance disappeared, carrying away their money. They had ample time to get away, as the announcement of the fact that Plug had won did not come in until 8 o'clock, when the dazed pool men had to liquidate a second time.

Nothing has yet been learned here of the manner in which the scheme was worked, though telegraphers incline to the belief that the job was manipulated at the New Orleans track. The Western Union office here professes ignorance of any knowledge of the matter.

## AN INDIAN GIRL'S DIVORCE.

Beahoo Koo Secures the First Judicial Separation Ever Granted to a Kiowa.

Guthrie, March 15.—The first divorce ever granted to a Kiowa Indian, or, in fact, to any member of the affiliated tribes of the Kiowa, Comanches and Caddos, was granted in the El Reno District Court today. The fair plaintiff in the case was a full-blood Kiowa girl named Beahoo Koo. She was totally unfamiliar with the English language and the services of the noted scout, Colonel Jack Stillwell, who accompanied with General Miles and entertained Miles and Cody last year, was employed as interpreter. Chaddie Kokie, a Comanche chief, assisted Stillwell.

The plaintiff's allegations were highly sensational. She stated that two years ago she was abducted by a half-breed Caddo named Waller Upday and taken to Fort Smith, Ark., where Upday introduced her to five other Indian women whom he avowed were his wives. The girl was not too ignorant to appreciate the situation, and she ran away and started for the Darlington Indian Agency, Oklahoma, on foot. Upday followed within a few weeks and later married the girl, the Indian wedding ceremony being used.

The plaintiff alleges that Upday stayed with her two days and then suddenly left. The night of the wedding he branded a skull and crossbones on the girl's right leg and offered her a potion, which she refused to take, and which turned out to be poison.

During the torture the girl, true to her Indian nature, never murmured. The brand on the leg is still visible. Upday has not been seen among the Indians for eight months.

Recently Mrs. Upday became enamored of an Iowa Indian named Charley High-koekuk, and upon being told that a marriage could not take place until a divorce was secured, she enlisted the sympathy of white friends. The court granted the divorce, and restored the girl's maiden name, but warned her that under the law she would not be allowed to marry again within a period of six months.

## Graham's Concert at the Academy.

At the third of the Graham series of Sunday evening concerts at the Academy of Music last night Maggie Cline, Raymon Moore and Lew Dockstader were the stars. Between the eccentricities of "The Irish Queen," the funny sayings of Dockstader and the sweet singing of Moore, those who braved the storm were well repaid for venturing out of doors. The Crawford brothers, Alice Johnson, Al Bates, Aldrich Libby, Barney Reynolds, Doan and Lennhart, Hatford and Mantell, and Mlle. Carrie were among the others who entertained the large audience.

## Schoolboy Athletes Who Will Compete.

The Barnard School team has finally selected to represent the school at the Madison Square Garden games on the 28th the following men: R. W. Bedford, holder of the interschool record, will compete in the mile; W. S. Hippie will enter the half, and in the sprints they have Washburn and Wilson. Slickney will try the hurdles. Monks the pole vault. Moore, Perry and Davis in the sprints, and Seward in the shot.

## DUE TO LOW PRESSURE.

Dunn Said New York Was Struck by the Advance Guard of a Tremendous Storm.

Another farewell visit of King Winter to New York was made yesterday by a driving snow storm that must have made Colonel Waring simply weary as he gazed out on the whirling flakes.

The half-cleaned streets were again clothed in white, and when night came on the snow was falling down thicker than ever.

Farmer Dunn gave little consolation when he was consulted. He said bluntly that Godham yesterday afternoon was struck by the advance guard of a tremendous storm, which has a track 300 miles wide and 1,500 miles long. It is all owing to one of those mysterious areas of low pressure which made its appearance in the southwestern portion of the United States on Saturday night. The storm started in a northeasterly direction as a result and it was central over the State of Louisiana yesterday morning. Utterly regardless of the fact that the wind yesterday changed to the northeast and blew on shore, the storm kept steadily on its course. The wind "blew into the storm," as the farmer said, and the tempest didn't pay the least attention.

Moreover, Mr. Dunn said it might snow all day to-day, and to-morrow, he said, was too far ahead to discuss.

## ABRAHAM KRONE REARRESTED.

The District Attorney Did Not Think the Bail Sufficient.

Abraham Krone, fifty-three years old, of No. 14 East One Hundred and Twentieth street, who says he is a real estate dealer, was rearrested Saturday night by Detectives McCauley and McNaughton, on a bench warrant issued by the District Attorney.

Krone is supposed to be a member of the Schoenholz band, the chief of whom is serving a forty years' sentence in the State prison. He is said to have set fire to his clothing store in Park row on June 4, 1895, and succeeded in obtaining \$40,000 insurance. The cause of the rearrest is supposed to be a deficiency in the bail given. He will be taken before the District Attorney today.

## KENTUCKY'S MILITIA ORDERED UNDER ARMS.

Belief That the Lexington Company Will Occupy the State House Early To-day.

Does Governor Bradley Propose to Search and Disarm the Members of the House and Senate?

## SENATORIAL FIGHT AT A CLIMAX.

Blackburn's Friends, All of Whom Are Believed to Be Fully Armed, Are Indignant—Republicans and Carlisle Men Are Satisfied.

Lexington, Ky., March 15.—A new phase was put on the fight for United States Senator here this afternoon, when orders were issued to Captain Longmire, of the Lexington Company, State Guards, to have all his men at the City Armory at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning, equipped with knapsack, canteen, rifle and revolver, ready to march at a minute's notice. The order was issued by Colonel Galtner, who said he was passing through Lexington on his way home to Harrodsburg.

He frankly admitted that the company had not been ordered to Covington, to guard Walling and Jackson while being tried for killing Pearl Bryan. He was not at liberty, he said, to say where the Lexington company was going, but in the light of Governor Bradley's proclamation issued yesterday afternoon to Sheriff Armstrong, the leading Republicans and Democrats believe the Governor intends to guard the

Senate Chamber and House of Representatives with the military, and disarm every man who enters.

It is agreed by both Democrats and Republicans that the Blackburn steering committee, headed by Colonel Jack Chinn, Jim Williams, the turfman; Eph Lillard, ex-member of the Legislature, and Chief of Police McElroy, of Lexington, are heavily armed, and have been ever since it was proposed to unseat the Democrat, Kaufmann.

The Governor visited the lobby of the State House yesterday and saw the ominous appearance of things, and he is determined that no blood shall be shed during the two remaining days of this stormy Legislature. The Governor believes that an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.

Senator Bronston, who has been leading the fighting for the Blackburn forces, has been in Lexington all day receiving the congratulations of the silver men on his strong stand for Blackburn. Eph Lillard was here to-day, but just as he was getting a train to start for Harrodsburg he received a telegram from Mr. Blackburn at Frankfort, asking him to come to Frankfort on a morning train. At that time Lillard did not know the Lexington company had been called out, but it is thought that Blackburn had learned of what was on foot, and as Lillard is a most valuable man in a fight, he wanted him on hand early to-morrow.

The calling out of the troops here has created a tremendous sensation, and is being widely discussed in the public places, as night by politicians of high and low degree.

The Blackburn men denounce it as a high-handed piece of work by the Governor, and claim to believe that such men as Chinn, Williams and Lillard would not harm any one. The Republicans, on the other hand, as well as the error Bradley will put a cordon of militia around the State House to-morrow and make every man, whether member of the Legislature or not, submit to a search for concealed weapons before being allowed to enter.

## TO STAND ON HIS COFFIN.

A Condemned Indian Murderer, Though Allowed His Freedom, Will No Doubt Present Himself for Execution.

Guthrie, O. T., March 15.—At the Boggy Creek Court ground in the Choctaw Nation yesterday, Charles Holmes, a full-blooded Indian, was convicted of murder and sentenced to be shot on March 27.

On November 2, 1895, Holmes went to the house of his wife's son-in-law, Wilson Kattianbbl, living near Stringtown, and while he and his wife were in bed asleep crept into the house with an axe and chopped Kattianbbl's head open. Then he forced the murdered man's wife to go with him, threatening to kill her if she refused. At the first opportunity, however, she made her escape and told what had happened.

Holmes was arrested, and when brought to trial wanted to plead guilty, but the Court would not allow him to do so. He will not take an appeal, as, he says, he is guilty and wants to die.

According to Choctaw customs, Holmes is not in prison or in the custody of officers. He will be allowed to roam about at his own sweet will until the day of execution. This is an old law of the Choctaws, and only one case of violation is on record.

On the day of execution Holmes will be dressed in a black robe and stationed in the Court ground. A tin star, two inches square, will be placed over his heart as a target, and he will stand on his own coffin. Twelve Indians, stationed thirty paces away, will shoot at the target, but only two of the guns will be loaded. Court attendants only will be allowed to witness the execution.

## Sixteen "Phillies" Leave for Hampton, Va.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 15.—Captain Nash, Pitchers Inks and Con Ladd, Sam Thompson and Joe Sullivan, of the Philadelphia club, arrived in this city to-day. These arrivals make sixteen of the "Phillies" now here who will leave to-morrow for Hampton, Va. All the men now here met this afternoon at the ball park and inspected the many improvements being made there.

## BOYS SNOWBALL CENTRAL PARK PETS.

The Animals in the Menagerie Bombarded in Their Enclosures.

Park Police Dispersed the Lads, but Could Not Prevent the Attack Being Repeated.

## THE ELEPHANT HOUSE INVADED.

After They Became Tired of Pelting the Bears, Wolves, Rabbits and Swans, the Youngsters Made a Snow Slide That Brought Pedestrians Low.

Boys varying in age from eight to twelve years, of all conditions of life and in all kinds of clothes, flocked into the park as soon as the day was fairly begun yesterday. There was no school to spoil the day, and the snow was particularly well adapted to balls.

As they walked along the path to the deer enclosure one of the youngsters cried: "Say, fellows, get out the deers. Watch me plunk the big one."

Eight snowballs were soon being nicely rounded in sixteen adept hands. The enclosed deer, all unconscious of the imminent onslaught, were nosing about in the cheerless snow. The boys crept up as close as they could and be out of range of the eyes of the police and let fly. Eight snowballs whizzed toward them and two or three landed on the big deer, which threw his head in the air and darted toward the house. The success of the bombardment moved the boys to try for bigger game.

"Say," said one tarted up, "let's get up and have a shot at the bears. You oughter seen me the other day! I hit him twice." So off they went to the bear pit. The polar bear did not seem to mind the missiles very much, but after awhile he turned his back. The Alaskan dogs were tempting and they were rewarded with a dozen or so of snowballs, and then came the turn of the wolves and rabbits, and then the black swans. These were sent hopping about the enclosure with shrill squawks.

Park Policeman Bray saw the fusillade and charged the urchins. They fled in separate directions and mocked him as they ran. The urchins met again, and as each one of them looked more or less like the other and like almost every other urchin in the park, they had no difficulty in getting down to the lion house. There they inspected the baby hippopotamus and went to the little dellivity leading to the Arsenal and made a slide. It required about ten minutes' hard work to perfect the slide, but after that it was, in their vernacular, "dead easy." They reduced the incline to such a degree of slipperiness that it was not safe for a pedestrian to venture upon the part they had appropriated for two hours. They fell down, rolled over, crashed into one another, hurt themselves, knocked down one or two children who happened to pass and then grew tired and went away somewhere. But the slippery place remained. Two or three people can vouch for that.

The snowballing of the animals was reported and in the afternoon all the beasts on the hill were looked up to prevent youngsters from annoying them further. The eight boys returned to find this state of things and were much chagrined thereat. Then their wits came into play and each made a snowball, carefully concealing it beneath his arm. Then they went into the elephant house and snowballed the great beasts. Policeman McCormack was on guard and he started after the youngsters. One of the boys yelled "Let's give it to the cop!" Then McCormack gave a brief exhibition of fancy dodging and running at the same time. The boys also did something in the way of running and the policeman failed to overtake them. McCormack has not much to say about this bombardment.

## COBWEB GUN CLUB.

Wing Shots Put in a Good Afternoon's Sport at Baychester.

Gus Grief won the Class A medal of the Cobweb Gun Club at Saturday's shoot held at Baychester, after a close contest, and a shoot off of a triple tie with Zorn and Hoffman.

Fourteen shooters were entered in the principal event, but none of the rest got further than the third round, owing to the miss and out restrictions.

A. Elliott killed five straight in the Class B contest, and secured the medal; Barker won the Class C trophy, and G. Thompson, Jr., that in Class "Z."

## Wreck of an Opera Company.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—The Gustav Hehrichs Opera Company came to grief last night. All its advertised dates were cancelled, and the members of the company will leave for Philadelphia Monday. Bad weather, the receding effect of the Leuten season and the absence of the advertised star, Mlle. Nevada, combined to end the tour in disaster.

## Cuban Junta Sells Stamps.

The Cuban Junta is deriving quite an income from its sale of the new issue of Cuban postage stamps. The sale yesterday amounted to \$170 and the day before to \$108. Most of the stamps are taken by collectors.

## FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

The German Emperor and Empress will visit Queen Victoria at Windsor on March 28.

Queen Victoria will not go to Coburg to attend the marriage of her granddaughter, Princess Alexandra of Denmark, to the Hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, which will take place on April 20. The Emperor and Empress and Empress Frederick will be present.

Prince Bismarck has consented to receive on his birthday, April 1, the members of the Hamburg National Guard and deputations from Berlin, Leipzig, Bonn and other places. The ex-Chancellor's son-in-law, Count von Rastbach, states that Prince Bismarck is in excellent health.

The American tenor, Savin, will make his appearance at the Royal Opera House, Berlin, March 23, in "Traviata."

German cavalry officers have been engaged to organize a new Chinese cavalry service modelled after the German type.



BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA.